Inclusion of horticulture under NAIS

1966. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for inclusion of horticulture perennial crops in the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Proposals for inclusion of perennial horticultural crops have been received from time to time from States like Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry.

(b) Perennial horticultural crops are not yet covered under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) because of their multi-picking nature and non-availability of adequate past yield data. However, the Joint Group constituted by this Department to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance schemes, have *inter alia* recommended for providing insurance coverage to perennial horticultural and vegetable crops as a separate scheme. Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) which is the implementing agency of NAIS has been asked to study the feasibility/ modalities for coverage of such crops.

Grameen Bhandaran Yojana

1967. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a new scheme "Grameen Bhandaran Yojana" to create storage capacity in rural areas;

(b) the number of godowns set up in the rural areas under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) the total storage capacity created under the scheme, as on 31st Deecember, 2006, State-wise;

(d) whether private parties are allowed to participate under the scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme as on 31st December, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Central Sector Scheme of Gramin Bhandaran Yojana implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, 13030 rural godowns with storage capacity of 173.78 lakh Metric Tonnes have been sanctioned upto 31st December, 2006 by the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). A statement indicating details of the godowns sanctioned in different States is enclosed (*See* belows).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Under the above scheme, credit-linked subsidy @ 25 per cent is given to all categories of farmers, Agriculture graduates, cooperatives and Central Warehousing Corporation/State Warehousing Corporations. All other categories of individuals companies and corporations are given subsidy @ 15 per cent of the project cost. In case of North East States/hilly areas and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes entrepreneurs and their cooperatives, the subsidy is given @ 33.33%. The upper ceiling of subsidy is Rs. 37.50 lakh, Rs. 22.50 lakh and Rs. 50.00 lakh respectively under the above said three categories.

(f) Since the inception of the Scheme an amount of Rs. 404.68 crore has been released to NABARD & NCDC for disbursement of subsidy for the projects under this scheme against the allocated amount of Rs. 424.68 crore as on 31st December, 2006.

Statement

The number of godwons sanctioned in different States

		Sanctioned by NABARD		Sanctioned by NCDC (New)		sanctioned by NCDC (Renovation)		Total	
1	2	3		4		5		6(3to 5)	
Sl.	State	No. of Projects	Capacity in tonnes	No. of projects	Capacity in tonnes	No. of projects	Capacity in tonnes	No. of Projects	Capacity in tonnes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	576	2566059	57	10300	51	4750	684	2581109
2.	Arunachal	1	945	0	0	0	0	1	945
3.	Assam	109	125132	1	650	0	0	110	125782
4.	Bihar	8	21358	157	16150	2	500	167	38008
5.	Chattisgarh	166	494180	63	257000	0	0	229	751180
6.	Gujarat	1246	414024	32	93600	19	19000	1297	526624
7.	Haryana	174	1274857	69	10800	104	230917	347	1516574
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	31	3600	0	0	31	3600
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	100	1	1950	0	0	2	2050
10.	Karnataka	1016	808549	42	14975	1	100	1059	823624
11.	Kerala	19	14663	30	9700	8	1570	57	25933
12.	Madhya Pradesh	852	1645792	165	93050	120	72616	1137	1811458

1	2	3		4		5		6(3to 5)	
13.	Maharashtra	1206	1363300	32	178500	129	261300	1367	1803100
14.	Meghalaya	2	9600	34	3450	3	300	39	13350
15.	Nagaland	1	4000	4	700	0	0	5	4700
16.	Orissa	138	320237	0	0	0	0	138	320237
17.	Punjab	3256	3165049	14	1790	213	771950	3483	3938789
18.	Rajasthan	158	171751	129	64050	116	11600	403	247401
19.	Tamilnadu	46	153998	98	36250	40	4400	184	194648
20.	Uttar Pradesh	126	896146	89	178100	693	955468	908	2029714
21.	Uttranchal	35	78636	22	17950	4	18600	61	115186
22.	West Bengal	1207	447988	91	9100	15	2350	1313	459438
23.	UTs	0	0	01	4000	0	0	1	4000
24.	NAFED	0	0	06	30800	0	0	6	30800
25.	NCCF	0	0	01	10000	0	0	1	10000
	Total	10343	13976364	1169	1046465	1518	2355421	13030	17378250